MINUTES
Special Call Meeting
March 16, 2016
6:00 PM
Council Chambers
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Pizzi called the meeting to order at 6:15.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Town Clerk, Gina Inguanzo, called the roll with the following Councilmembers present: Manny Cid, Ceasar Mestre, Frank Mingo, Nelson Rodriguez. Vice Mayor Tim Daubert and Mayor Michael Pizzi were also present. Councilmember Tony Lama was absent.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Maria Kramer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Councilmember Frank Mingo led the moment of silence.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mirtha Mendez came before the Town Council to speak in regards to Agenda item 6A.

Esperanza "Hope" Reynolds came before the Town Council to speak with regards to the need for further transparency with the Charter Revision Commission, agenda's to be posted 48 hour before meeting, that workshops must be conducted to understand the proposed Charter revisions, that town committees must take a role in the distribution of communications and that neighbors should be notified of work being performed by the Town.

Alex Ariano came before the Town Council to request Charter changes be fully explained to residents before going on a ballot against the Charter Revision Commission, and that charter revision changes should be put in the November ballot.

Maria Kramer came before the Town Council to speak in regards to a relief K-12 school being built to help Bob Graham Education Center. She also spoke in favor of mail in ballots.

Dr. Dave Bennet came before the Town Council to speak in regards to the Charter Revision Commission.

Nancy Rogers came before the Town Council to speak in favor of the Charter Revision Commission.

Raul Martinez came before the Town Council to speak against the mail in ballot.

Esther Colon came before the Town Council to speak in regards to Agenda item 6.

Robin Beamon came before the Town Council to speak in regards to transparency in government.

Raul de la Sierra came before the Town Council to speak in regards to the Charter Revision and the power to elect the Mayor.

Xiomara Pazos came before the Town Council to speak in regards to the absence of a Councilmember and about technologies the residents may use to participate in Council meetings.

Wendy Armesto came before the Town Council to speak against the mail in ballot.

Claudia Luces came before the Town Council to speak in regards to transparency within the Charter Revision Commission.

Mayor Wayne Slaton came before the Town Council to speak in favor of the Charter Revision Commission.

Joshua Dieguez came before the Town Council to speak in favor of Councilmember Tony Lama's commitment to the town.

6. RESOLUTIONS:

The Town Attorney read the resolution into the record.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN CHARTER AS PROVIDED BY THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 7.4 OF THE TOWN CHARTER: SUBMITTING PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS CONCERNING THE CITIZEN'S BILL OF RIGHTS; SECTION 1.2, "FORM OF GOVERNMENT"; SECTION 2.2, "MAYOR AND VICE-MAYOR"; SECTION 2.5, "VACANCIES; FORFEITURE OF OFFICE; FILLING OF VACANCIES"; SECTION 3.2, "TOWN MANAGER: APPOINTMENT, REMOVAL"; SECTION 3.4 "ACTING MANAGER"; SECTION 3.7 "TOWN ATTORNEY"; SECTION 4.1, "COUNCIL MEETING PROCEDURE"; SECTION 5.1, "ELECTIONS"; SECTION 7.4, "CHARTER REVISION"; PROVIDING FOR TRANSITION TO IMPLEMENT CHARTER AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING REQUISITE BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR SUBMISSION

TO THE ELECTORATE; CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN CHARTER TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2016; PROVIDING FOR MAIL BALLOT ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CHARTER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilmember Frank Mingo made a motion to call a special election for a mail in ballot. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. The motion passed by a vote of 5-1 with Mayor Pizzi voting against.

Councilmember Frank Mingo made a motion to pass the resolution. The motion received a second from Councilmember Tim Daubert. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed by a vote of 5-1 with Mayor Pizzi voting against.

7. ADJOURMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Approved this 5th day of April 2016.

Michael A. Pizzi, Mayor

Attest:

Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk